

INDIANA STATE SENTINEL.

TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION.

We annex another story from the annals of real life, as recorded by a correspondent of the London Court Journal. The letter is dated "Manheim, June 19th, 1841"—and details an incident of the most affecting character. The story, it will be seen, is that of a faithless man and a broken-hearted woman.

A BROKEN HEART.

A circumstance occurred here on the 15th ult., so singular and affecting, so much more incredible than most tales of fiction, that, though the parties were of a humble station, it deserves to be recorded among the romances of real life. On that day a young woman of an interesting and respectable appearance was seen to enter the city, carrying in her arms an infant, and leading another child of three or four years of age. Immediately on her arrival she inquired for the house of a man to whom, it appears, she had been affianced at Hamburg, and who had left her there under a vow to shortly return to keep his promise of marriage; but finding that he continually on some new pretence, put off the fulfillment of his engagement, she herself thought it best to go in search of him.

Having easily discovered his abode, she proceeded at once to it, and there found him, by an extraordinary fatality, in company with another girl and her relations, and about to proceed at the very moment with her to the altar. It was in vain that the first claimant threw herself on her knees before her faithful Brumitiam (person to whom a woman is engaged in Germany) is so called,) neither her tears nor prayers, nor the sight of his children, moved him: she was repulsed by the whole party, and the door closed against her, and shortly afterwards the marriage ceremony was being performed in the church, and the ring just placed on the finger of the second bride, when her rival entered with the children. The shock was too much for her; she fell down dead. The body was carried to an inn, where it was afterwards dissected, and the veins of the heart discovered to be torn asunder—a proof that the term "broken heart," is not a mere poetical one, but that, however rare the occurrence, it may, as in this instance, actually take place.

This tragic story being soon made known, the populace, to the amount of many hundreds, followed the funeral of the unfortunate woman; but before committing her to the grave, the corse was repaired with the coffin to the house of the just married couple. There broke the windows, and, in a vainglorious manner, called on the bridegroom, whose name was Paul, to open the doors. The police were now assembled, and had much difficulty, in preventing the mob, many of them armed, from executing summary vengeance on the moral culprit.

It is worthy of notice that while all this passed, the opera of Don Juan was representing in the theatre, (the celebrated Madame Hassell playing Joanna,) and the audience evinced their feelings of indignation by noisy acclamations at particular parts that bore reference to the real drama that had just been acted outside.

The Grand Duchess Stephanie, with her well known goodness of heart, has taken the children under her protection, and a large subscription has been made for them by the opulent merchants of the city. The whole scene speaks for the Germans, and reminds us of the old adage—*Vox populi, vox dei.*

From Kendall's Expositor.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.—Below is a table showing the present number of Representatives from each State, and the number to which each will be entitled under the late Census, upon a ratio of 60,000.

Present No.	Proposed No.
Maine,	8
New Hampshire,	5
Massachusetts,	12
Rhode Island,	2
Connecticut,	6
Vermont,	5
New York,	40
New Jersey,	6
Pennsylvania,	28
Delaware,	1
Maryland,	8
Virginia,	21
North Carolina,	13
South Carolina,	9
Georgia,	9
Kentucky,	13
Tennessee,	13
Ohio,	10
Louisiana,	3
Indiana,	7
Mississippi,	2
Illinois,	3
Alabama,	5
Missouri,	2
Arkansas,	1
Michigan,	1
Total,	242
	249

ANCIENT PSALMODY.—The editor of the Miner's Scripture, after quoting some queer paraphrases of the New Testament, gives the following verse as a part of the psalmody of his acquaintance:

WHO RULES!

"O say does the Star spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?"

We learn from the Ohio Statesman, that Francis S. Key, Esq., has been removed from the office of District Attorney of the United States, for the District of Columbia, and Philip R. Kendall, a Federalist appointed in his place. Mr. Key is the author of that patriotic and pretty-sounding song, the "Star Spangled Banner." He wrote it while detained as a prisoner on board of a British man-of-war during the late contest with England, and on the night which the British commander determined to attack Baltimore. As the fleet was passing Fort McHenry, it was discovered, and a fire was opened upon it, which was returned, and the night being dark, Key could only tell by the flash of the cannon, that the "Star-spangled Banner" of his country still waved in triumph over the fort. This was the night that he retired home, and amid the roar of cannon, gave vent to his feelings, by committing to paper the Song of the "Star-spangled Banner!" Though his body was impounded by his country's foes, the Home of liberty glowed warm in his bosom, as the feelings which dictated the following song plainly evince:

* STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.

"O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose stripes and bright stars through the perils of flight,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?"

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;

"O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?"

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